

RESOLUTION NO. 70
Neisha Thurmon and Dutchess Brand

WHEREAS, Marquette Pool in the Dutchtown neighborhood is the largest of three public pools in the City of St. Louis, a respite from our sweltering city summers, an activity for our city's youth, and a free amenity vitally important to the overall health of our community; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2016, both Ms. Neisha Thurmon and Ms. Dutchess Brand were enjoying the pool when Ms. Brand became compromised in the water, and it was Ms. Thurmon who came to her rescue, assisting her out of the water and calling for help; and

WHEREAS, Park Ranger Kinnard, hearing the call for help, acted swiftly and immediately, calling 911, while lifeguards immediately came to her aid; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis City Fire Department personnel arrived to the scene within 3 minutes, and their swift and reliable action was necessary in the medical assistance of Ms. Brand; and

WHEREAS, Nurse Mary Grace went above and beyond, ensuring the health and wellness of Ms. Brand and assisting her through her full recovery; and

WHEREAS, it is right that we celebrate the heroic actions of all involved in saving the precious life of Ms. Brand; we must specifically recognize Neisha Thurmon for coming to the immediate aid of a fellow citizen and acting with compassion and fortitude in a time of medical emergency; we must also recognize Dutchess Brand for making a most remarkable and miraculous recovery to full health.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize both Neisha Thurmon and Dutchess Brand as heroes among us in the City of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 17th day of June, 2016, by:

The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward

Adopted this the 17th day of June, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen